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Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present the 55th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council for your consideration and approval. Financial Statements and reports are attached.

1. GENERAL

The past year has been one of considerable activity both nationally and internationally. This has resulted in heavy demands on Board members, however has again served to justify the existing structure to handle ALC affairs.

Communications between Board members has been excellent for which I must express my sincere appreciation to the President Phil Humphreys and other Directors.

2. STATE OF THE GAME

Notwithstanding the several favourable aspects of Australian Lacrosse it is of deep concern to note a significant drop in registered players in all states. On the average figures appeared to have dropped by about 10 per cent however VLA figures show a drop of about 20 per cent at the senior level. Furthermore junior levels have failed to compensate for the falling off at senior levels. It is an enigma that while club registrations have declined the interest overall throughout the existing lacrosse states can only be described as fantastic. This in itself has raised problems in at least one state in being able to service the needs of schools arising from the implementation of Sof-crosse into the Aussie Sport program. Interest in the "non-lacrosse" states is believed to be also sound although to what extent can only be gauged by the sales of equipment by sports suppliers. Unfortunately the financial return to A.L.C. from activities in these states is extremely small, if not virtually non-existent in spite of the considerable sums directed to the development of Sof-crosse.

Statistics supplied by State Associations show no increased interest in Box Lacrosse. At this stage its main interest appears to be in Victoria. South Australia follows but reports suggest a sharp decrease in interest. No Box Lacrosse is played in Western Australia.

On the other hand there appears to be a sharpening of interest in Soft lacrosse in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. This mode has teams comprising ladies only, men only and mixed. At this stage soft lacrosse does not for practical purposes come within the direct ambit of ALC.

3. INTERNATIONAL

(a) World Championships 1986

Of major interest was the 1986 World Championship series held in Toronto Canada during July. Rarely has so much planning and effort been made to prepare an Australian team to participate in a World Championship. To our profound disappointment the results hoped for did not eventuate with Australia finishing in third position. Notwithstanding the loss congratulations must be extended to the complete Australian squad for their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the series. Congratulations must also be extended to the Championship winners, U.S.A., runners-up Canada and England. All performed well - indeed all teams played a very high standard of lacrosse - significantly better (in my opinion) than in 1982.

(b) Visits

During the year visits to Australia were made by two overseas teams - U.S.

les ; a team comprising players from several clubs and colleges and the Calgary Apaches - a junior Canadian side. Both visits were highly successful although it has been said that the full benefit was not obtained by the Victorian Lacrosse Association during the visit of the "Eagles".

It is becoming increasingly evident that Australia is high on the list for overseas teams. The major problem is the non-abundance of resources to accommodate all requests for visits.

(c) 1988 World U19 Championships

It has been confirmed that these will be held in Adelaide during July 1988. Council is extremely grateful to the Australian Bicentennial Authority for an offer of a grant of \$30,000 subject to certain conditions. So far U.S and Canadian officials have stated that they will have teams participating. A firm reply is awaited from England.

Applications have been called for officials for the Australian contingent and will be considered shortly.

(d) 1990 World Championships

These will be held in Perth under a franchising arrangement with the W.A.L.A. Applications are in the process of being invited from interested officials with the view for early appointments.

Although still in the early stages Council is pleased to note efforts being made by the W.A.L.A. towards early planning.

4. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations are extended to the winners of the Australian Championships during 1986. ie.

Seniors - Victoria
Colts - Victoria
U/17 - Western Australia

It was disappointing to note however that Western Australia were unable to provide a team to participate in the Colts Championships.

5. UNDER 15 TOURNAMENT

This tournament, previously at Under 14 age level was held for the first time in Perth WA. Despite some doubts before hand regarding the Tournament it was an outstanding success. Congratulations are extended to the organisers (Nedlands Subiaco) and the winning team from Victoria.

6. ISAACHSEN TROPHY

The joint winners of this trophy were John Hill and team mate Paul Fazzini of the Sturt Club in South Australia with 17 points and a percentage of 40.48. Leading the votes in Victoria and Western Australia were To: Lion with 20 points (37%) and Jeff Kennedy 15 points (33 1/3%) respectively.

7. ALC CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

At the last Annual General Meeting of Council, certificates of merit were awarded to the following in recognition of their outstanding service to the game of lacrosse.

Bill Trickey - Victoria
Peter Stiglich - Victoria
Graeme Sharp - Victoria
William Magee - Western Australia

8. ALRA

The current structure continues to show an improvement in communication with ALC. Council has currently a rules interpretation manual prepared by the referees.

9. A.U.S.A.

This body remains affiliated with A.L.C.

10. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Grateful acknowledgement is made of a grant of \$52,000 by the Australian Sports Commission under the Sports Development Program for 1986/87 in the following areas.

Seeding Grant - Executive Director	\$ 6000.00
(part-time)	\$20000.00
Development	\$ 3000.00
Coaching	\$20000.00
International Competition Administration.	\$ 3000.00
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	\$52000.00

11. COACHING ACCREDITATION

There is considerable room for improvement in this area. With the exception of Victoria little progress appears to have been made in having coaches accredited to Level one standard. Furthermore although several coaches have completed either Sports Science or Sports Specific courses none have so far completed both to qualify for NCAS Level accreditation. The importance of having coaches undertake these courses cannot be over emphasised.

12. FINANCES

Councils financial situation continues to be satisfactory (refer attached financial statement.) Once again the Boards appreciation is extended to treasurer Leighton Beamsley for his fine work.

13. AUSTRALIAN GALLERY OF SPORT

Council Historian Terry Allington is busy gathering material for inclusion in the Gallery being instituted at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

14. INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION

Council was again represented on this body by:-

Mr C R Carr - delegate

Mr G F Tillotson - Vice President

As at 1st January 1987 Mr. Carr assumes responsibility as I.L.F. President and Mr. Tillotson as I.L.F. Secretary / Treasurer.

For and on behalf of the Board.



G F Tillotson
Executive Director

5 5 T H A N N U A L R E P O R T

IN ALL CASES 1985 FIGURES ARE SHOWN IN BRACKETS

STATISTICS - FIELD LACROSSE

1. Number of Affiliates Clubs (Playing)

	S.A.L.A.	V.L.A.	W.A.L.A.	TOTAL
	11	14	11	36
	(11)	(14)	(9)	(34)

2. Teams

Seniors	22	31	18	71
	(24)	(34)	(20)	(78)
Juniors (Under 16)	33	41	13	87
	(33)	(22)	(16)	(71)
Sub-Juniors (Under 12,10,8)		(30)		
Totals	55	72	31	158
	(57)	(86)	(48)	(191)

3. Registered Players

Seniors	397	518	344	1259
	(437)	(588)	(394)	(1419)
Juniors (Under 16)	471	545	220	1236
	(463)	(814)	(420)	(1697)
Sub-Junior (Under 12,10,8)		157	181	338
Totals	1986	868	1220	2833
	1985	900	1399	3113
	1984	1060	1352	3259
	1983	1114	1391	3359
	1982	1057	1263	3128

4. Grade Premiers

League]	Sturt		
State League]		Williamstown	
"A"]		Wembley	
<u>Reserve</u>			
League]	Glenelg		
Division One]		Williamstown	
"A" Reserve]			
B]	West Torrens		Nedlands Subiaco
Division Two]		Altona	
C]			
Division Three]		Williamstown	
		Nollamarra	
<u>Colts</u>			
C (Under 17)	West Torrens		Nedlands Subiaco
Under 17 (1)		Malvern	
(2)		Williamstown	
D (Under 15)			East Fremantle

Under 15 (1)
(2)

Brighton
Burnside

Eltham
Altona

Under 13

Burnside

Malvern (zone 1)
Camberwell (zone 2)

Under 11

5. Best and Fairest Players

	S.A.L.A.	V.L.A.	W.A.L.A.
League State League "A"	J Hill	T Lion	
League Reserve Division One "A" Reserve	S. Brookes	A Mazzolini	
B Division Two	M. Ellis	R Gray	
C Division Three		R Anthony	
C (Under 17)			
D (Under 15)			

6. Top Goal Throwers

League State League "A"	A Jennings (66)	G Meredith (103)
League Reserve Division One	R Greenhalgh (41)	P Swainger (88)
B Division Two	M Ellis (82)	D Coulson (98)
C Division Three		J Simpson (51)

Senior Championships - Adelaide

(a) Results

	South Australia	17	ALC Presidents	7
	Victoria	14	Western Australia	12
	Victoria	24	ALC Presidents	8
	South Australia	19	Western Australia	17
	Western Australia	13	ALC Presidents	4
	Victoria	17	South Australia	11
Finals:	Western Australia	12	ALC Presidents	9
	Victoria	17	South Australia	11

(b) All Stars

Gary Kennedy	WA
Geoff Robinson	VIC
Peter Buchanan	WA
Ken Cheail	VIC
Chris Casserly	WA
Mark Hughes	VIC
Kevin Humphreys	SA
Steven Pikye	VIC
Fraser McGuffin	WA
Ross Freeman	VIC
Tim Caffrey	VIC
Gary Tillotson	VIC
Paul Lynch	SA

COACH: Bill Stahmer VIC

(c) Best and Fairest

1st - Chris Casserly	WA	12
2nd - Tim Caffrey	VIC	9
3rd - Gary Tillotson	VIC	8

8. Colts Championships - Melbourne

(a)	Victoria	18	ALC Presidents	5
	South Australia	14	ALC Presidents	13
	Victoria	19	South Australia	8

(b) All Stars

Goals	Luca Tonelli	VIC
Defence	Andrew Giles	SA
Defence	David Humphrey	VIC
Defence	Reg Howell	VIC
Centre	Dean Goding	VIC
Centre	Brad Currie	VIC
Midfield	Kevin Humphrey	VIC
Midfield	Tim Colguhoun	SA
Midfield	Jamie McLean	SA
Midfield	Tim Laidlaw	VIC
Attack	John Hernan	VIC
Attack	Carl Radford	VIC
Attack	Stewart McLean	SA

COACH: Paul Mollison Victoria

(c) Best and Fairest

Luca Tonelli - Victoria

Under 17 Championships - Perth

(a) Results

South Australia	27	Presidents	4
Victoria	6	Western Australia	21
Presidents	4	Western Australia	15
South Australia	15	Victoria	4
Presidents	2	Victoria	24
South Australia	9	Western Australia	17
Victoria	22	Presidents	3
Finals: Western Australia	18	South Australia	6

(b) All Stars

Vaughn Marchbanks	WA
Sean Slattery	VIC
Simon Keen	WA
Scott Maynard	WA
Rick Vandam *	SA
Mark Jackson	VIC
Sean Kelly	WA
Craig Everall	WA
Todd Rosenthal	SA
Jim Meneelious	SA
Robin Cornish	WA
Chris Warren	WA
Scott Griffin*	WA

* Co-Captains

COACH: Ron Grimley WA

(c) Best and Fairest

1st M Griffin	WA
2nd R Vandam	SA
S Kelly	WA
S Melissovass	VIC
R Cornish	WA

10. Under 15 National Tournament - Perth

Western Australia	11	Victoria	10
ALC Presidents	2	South Australia	36
South Australia	13	Victoria	16
ALC Presidents	2	Western Australia	15
South Australia	9	Western Australia	12
Victoria	18	ALC Presidents	4
Western Australia	8	Victoria	10
ALC Presidents	6	South Australia	26

STATISTICS - BOX LACROSSE

1.	<u>Number of Clubs</u>	S.A.	VIC.
		6 (4)	5 (5)
2.	<u>Number of Teams</u>		6 (8)
3.	<u>Registered Players</u>		77 (134)
4.	<u>Premiers</u>		
	Senior A	Renegades	Black
	Senior B	Williamstown	Whalers

Note - Statistics apply to Summer 85/86 Season

STATISTICS - SOFT LACROSSE & SOF-CROSSE

1.	<u>Number of Clubs</u>	S.A.	VIC.	W.A.
		7	1	2
2.	<u>Teams</u>			
	Open Age	56 (42)	15 (11)	30 (17)
	Junior	14 (14)		
3.	<u>Participants</u>			
	Open Age ?	? (475)	200 (200)	181 (150)
	Under Age	? (157)		
	Total:	1464	200 approx	

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION

Soft Modified	1600	17,500	8000
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Total: 27,100

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

Field	868	1220	745	2833
Box		77		
Soft	632 (approx)	99	181	912

<u>1500</u>	<u>1396</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>3822</u>
(1532)	(1599)	(964)	(4229)

TOTAL PARTICIPATION

Registered	3822	(4229)
Schools	<u>27100</u>	<u>(27100)</u>
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